REMARKS

Claim 9 is amended to incorporate all limitations of independent claim 7 from which it depended. Claim 8 is made dependent from claim 9. All other claims in the application are canceled.

In view of the above amendments and the statement by the Examiner that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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